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Subject: Response to OCFA's Request to Extend Current Basic Life Support Ambulance Contracts and to Postpone Award of Contracts under RFP No. 042-2624304-BD

Dear Mr. Fennessy,

The County of Orange ("County") is in receipt of your letter dated August 26, 2025, in which Orange County Fire Authority ("OCFA") requests the County extend the 9-1-1 Basic Life Support Emergency Ambulance Response, Transportation and Related Services agreements with Falck Mobile Health Corp (Falck) and Emergency Ambulance Service and to postpone proceeding with the five-year contracts with Falck that were approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 12, 2025. OCFA states this will allow time for it to "initiate a protest to the County of Orange of" the solicitation.

The County has reviewed OCFA's letter thoroughly and considered the request. The County has already approved and executed the five-year contracts with Falck, effective September 1, 2025. Falck will begin performing services under the executed contracts on September 1.

Regarding OCFA's stated intent to initiate a protest of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 042-2624304-BD, the County is providing the following for OCFA's information purposes only. Section I. Paragraph K. Protest Process of the RFP states: "Any actual or prospective proposer who alleges a grievance by the solicitation or award of contract may submit a grievance or protest that this solicitation is unfairly restrictive, ambiguous, or contains conflicting provisions." The RFP outlines the procedures and requirements for submitting said protests, which are included in part below:

Protest of Solicitation Specifications

"All protests related to solicitation specifications must be submitted to HCA Procurement and Contract Services no later than five (5) business days prior to the proposal due date. Protests received after the five (5) business day deadline will not be considered by the County."

Protest of Award of Contract

“In protests related to the award of a contract, the protest must be submitted no later than five (5) business days after the “Notice of Intent to Award Contract” is provided by HCA Procurement and Contract Services. Protests relating to a proposed contract award, which are received after the five (5) business day deadline, will not be considered by the County.”

As noted in your letter, the five business day deadline for protest of solicitation specifications and protest of award of contract have already passed. Per the RFP, the County does not consider untimely protests.

Sincerely,

Brittany Davis

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